

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING (being the Annual General Meeting) HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK ON Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 2.00 pm**

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs B Bulman (from 3.15 pm) Mr T Gibbs Mrs K Hind
Mr J Wood

In attendance : Clerk.

2012.27 **Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Councillor J A R Wilson was unanimously elected Chairman and he signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor J Boniface was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman.

2012.28 **Apologies for absence** Mrs J Boniface

2012.29 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 20 March 2012.

2012.30 **Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to declare any interest in any Agenda items and no such interest was declared.

2012.31 **Co-option of new Councillors**

It was noted that there remained one vacancy on the Council. Attempts had been made to interest residents in being co-opted but so far without result. There was one current possibility which the chairman was investigating.

2012.32 **Election of Representatives**

Councillor Boniface was re-elected to be the Representative on the Village Hall Committee; Councillor Bulman was elected as Representative on the Neighbourhood Forum. Derwent 7 had folded for the time being but Cllor Wilson would keep a watching brief on this. Maggie Climie would continue to represent the Parish's interests about pursuing higher speed broadband as long as required and thanks were expressed to her for this.

2012.33 **Review of Policies and procedures**

The Council reviewed its policies and procedures as follows :

(i) Standing Orders : re-adopted (ii) Financial Regulations : re-adopted (iii) Freedom of Information Scheme : re-adopted. (iv) Terms of Reference of Planning Committee : re-adopted (v) Consultation Policy (General) : re-adopted (vi) Risk Assessment Policy - re-adopted. (vii) Model Code of Conduct : left in place pending issue of New Model Code to be adopted when available' (viii) Floral Tributes : re-adopted (ix) Protocol for Internal Audit : re-adopted (x) Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit : adopted.

2012.34 **Public Participation** No member of public present

2012.35 **Finances**

(i) The Bank mandate was reviewed and the Chairman Cllor J Wilson, Deputy Chairman Cllor J Boniface and Cllor B Bulman would remain as signatories.

(ii) The Statement of Account for the year ended 31 March 2012 which had previously been circulated was approved. The Council considered the questions in Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that all should be answered in the affirmative and that the Statement should be signed by the

Chairman, and the annual Return submitted. It was reported that the Internal Auditor had completed and signed the internal audit statement.

(iii) It was agreed that Mr David Bennell should be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the current year.

(iv) It was reported that the first instalment of the Precept (£1500) had been received; Allerdale Finance Office had not been able to explain why no part of the grass cutting grant had been sent, but they had promised to investigate and advise.

(v) Alternative quotes for Insurance had been obtained and it was resolved to insure this year with Zurich insurance. Accordingly it was Resolved to approve the signing of the following cheques :

Zurich for insurance £375; CALC subscription £121. Crosthwaite PCC for room hire £15. CVS for PAYE assistance; Andrew Wilson for grass cutting £52; CPRE Subscription £25; Donation to Air ambulance £100. Fee to Speaker at APM £25.

(vi) It was agreed that CVS should do the PAYE paperwork in the current financial year the expected fee being in the region of £67.

2012.36

Lake District National Park Authority

(i) **Underscar Manor 7/2011/2039** An amended landscaping plan had been received showing two gazebos reduced to ground level, elimination of artificial water features, and natural planting in wide areas. A response had been sent advising the Council believed the land to be agricultural (apart from the curtilage defined when the hotel was change to domestic use), and noting variations, and this was approved.

(ii) **Dancing Gate** Notice of Intention regarding roofing of slurry pit – no action required

(iii) Decisions received **Garthorpe 7/2012/2017** Affordable housing refused (only a small part of the garden of this property is within the parish boundary; **7/2011/2328 & 2046 Church Room** various approvals re new porch and alterations.

(iv) Written report received on Partnership Forum meeting held on 30 April 2012. At this a presentation from CALC showed that a high proportion of parishes had voted in the Consultation on disposal of Nuclear Waste. The great majority had voted against going any further to investigate this. CALC had contacted those parishes who had not responded to the consultation, and had discovered that they had all considered it but had either not been able to agree on a response, or had deferred a decision relying on the “Right of Withdrawal” promised in the White Paper to exist until a much later stage. Other concerns of parishes were that too many large Events were happening in the Park without any notification to local people; single wind turbines were being allowed in the Park and not everyone was in agreement with this.

(v) **Crosthwaite Meadow** Part of the field had been cordoned off and a stable, horses and a carriage had been put on it. This is a planning breach and the Park will be dealing with it but separately from the existing breaches.

(vi) **Site allocations** NPA had collated responses to the consultation and published these on its website.

(vii) **Consultation** on the Governance of the NPA’s – should there be more directly elected members, the purpose being to increase local accountability. A list of the questions and draft responses had been sent round for consideration, but insufficient time had been given : Councillors would take time to read the papers, and let the clerk know if the model answers prepared were acceptable – these were framed to propose the maximum amount of local input, as this was the stated purpose. Some of the Government’s expressed proposals, such as allowing candidates to stand who

did not live in or near the National Parks, seemed to be at odds with the stated purpose.

2012.37 Cumbria Association of Local Councils.

Receipt of the circulars for April and May was noted and also CALC's position statement re Nuclear Waste. The latter took account of the views expressed by the majority of Parish Councils, and CALC will support this view which was against going further with the process of finding a site in Cumbria for a Repository. The Circulars gave advice on Localism, Planning and the new Standards Code procedure.

2012.38 Correspondence Information received from Enterprise Mouchel (agent top run Trunk Roads) regarding new cycle track round half of Crosthwaite roundabout, and intention to complete the circuit. The total cost was approximately £200,000. The council had not been consulted or informed – apparently because EM did not know in which parish the work was taking place. There was no possibility of the money for the second part being diverted to other local projects.

2012.39 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting were confirmed. To be at village Hall on Friday 18 May with contributions from Maggie Climie regarding Broadband; the speak had confirmed attendance.

2012.40 **Future Meeting Dates** were to be in accordance with agreed Schedule on 17 July, 18 September and 20 November all at 2.00 pm. The July meeting would be at the Village Hall Millbeck, and those in September and November would be in the Church Room.